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Brendan Quinn: Biography

Brendan Quinn is a London-based guitarist, multi-instrumentalist, singer, and songwriter, currently living in London. Listening to his lyrics, you'll find concrete images, archetypal characters, and emotional yearning, all weaving through melodies and atmospheres both familiar and eclectic.

Brendan is the driving force behind London's **Divisionists**, who have two releases on **Mount Watatic Records**: first the EP "*we play rock music...*" (2011) followed by *Daybreak* (full-length LP available 17 March 2017) which includes the singles *Say Can You* (17 January) and *Dream Landscape* (17 February).

He is best known as a member of cult psychedelic/space-rock pranksters and Terrastock regulars **Abunai!**. As a guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter for Abunai! (1996-2002, 2006-), Brendan released three full-length albums and two EPs on Tony Dale's legendary **Camera Obscura** label. Abunai's first CD was also reissued by Krauted Mind as a 2-LP set in 2013.

Abunai's releases were played on the BBC's **John Peel show**, and have received praise from critics in publications such as **Rolling Stone**, **MAGNET**, **Ptolemaic Terrascope**, **The Wire**, **Popwatch**, and **Alternative Press**.

Brendan toured live as a member of the **Sterling Roswell Band** for their album "The Call of The Cosmos" (with both **Sterling a.k.a. ROSCO** and **Pete 'Bassman' Bain**, both ex-Spaceman-3 and ex-Darkside), including their headliner spot at Andrew Weatherall's 2015 **Convenanza Festival**. Brendan will also appear on the upcoming **Tav Falco** single (*The Drone Ranger/Tram?*).

As an improvising musician, Brendan has performed with artists as diverse as **Tripwire**, **The Lothars**, **Cloud Furnace**, **Rod Goodway's Ethereal Counterbalance** (including members of **Magic Muscle**, **The Bevis Frond**, **High Tide**, **The Only Ones**, **The Alchemysts**, and **The Lazily Spun**), **Jesse Poe's Tanakh** (including members of **United Bible Studies**, and **Makoto Kawabata**), as part of **Bobb Trimble's Flyin Lion**, and separately with **Barbara Manning**, **Carl Hultgren**, **Nick Saloman**, **Adrian Shaw**, and members of the **Green Pajamas**, **Swervedriver**, **The Brian Jonestown Massacre**, and **The Perfect Disaster**.

Recent compilation releases under Brendan's own name have included a song on *Through The Static and Distance: A Tribute to Jason Molina* (2015) (digital, and double LP), a track on *Woolf Music Compilation* (2013) (digital only), and a track on *For Lee Jackson In Space* (2012) (digital only).

Brendan's first solo album, *Camden Diary* (2009), features psychedelic-folk-rock pop songs, released on his own label, **Mount Watatic**. His second solo album (*Amsterdam/Alleluia*) (2015), also released by **Mount Watatic**, offers an instrumental mix of finger-style acoustic guitar improvisations and compositions with ambient/noise pieces. **Simon Lewis** writing for the *Terrascope Online* called it, "a wonderful record that showcases an artist at the top of his game".

Brendan Quinn: Selected Discography

Divisionists' second release: [Daybreak](#) (2017)

Brendan plays rhythm guitar on the upcoming Tav Falco single: [The Drone Ranger/Tram?](#)(2017)

Brendan's second solo album, [\(Amsterdam/Alleluia\)](#) (2015)
[Terrascope Online](#) review by Simon Lewis

Brendan's version of [So You Can See To Go \(There Will Be Distance\)](#) on the charity compilation album [Through The Static and Distance: A Tribute to Jason Molina](#) (2015)

Brendan's track, [Summer Gathering Darkness](#), on the charity compilation album [For Tom Carter](#) (2013)

Brendan and Mark Bennett's track, [Concerning The Isle Of Ptyx](#), on the charity compilation album [For Lee Jackson in Space](#) (2012)

Brendan with Abunai's [Time of the Funk-Lords \(Flash Forward\)](#), on the charity compilation album [For Lee Jackson in Space](#) (2012)

Brendan's [Down A Dusky Grape And Dream](#) track on the [Wolf Music Compilation](#) album (2013)

Brendan, Jesse Poe, Joe Turner and Mark Bennett's version of [NYC-25](#) on the charity compilation album [Tribute to Bill Doss](#) (2012)

Divisionists' debut EP, ["we play rock music..."](#) (2011)

Brendan's first solo album, [Camden Diary](#) (2009)

Brendan's work with Abunai!

[Universal Mind Decoder](#) (2013, Deluxe Edition)

[Two Brothers](#) (2003, EP)

[Deep Mu Flux +2](#) (2000, EP)

[Round Wound](#) (2000)

[The Mystic River Sound](#) (1999)

Some recommended Abunai! songs:

[Time of the Funk-Lords \(Flash Forward\)](#)

[Dreaming of Light](#)

[Toast](#)

[Tomorrow](#)

[Barbara Allen](#)

[Sweet William](#)

[Cosmo Gun](#)